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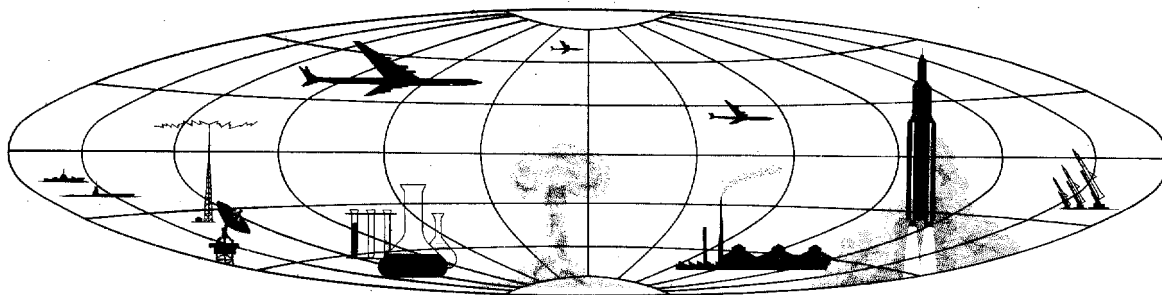


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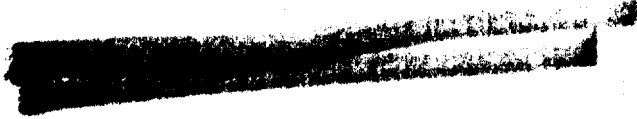
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3559, DATED 17 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

25X1D


NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.



MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

25X1D

SIX LAUNCHERS, 5 TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.



HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

25X1D

SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

25X1D

THREE CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.



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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

TWENTY-SEVEN MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (5 CANVAS-COVERED),  
6 VEHICLES, AND AT LEAST 17 MISSILE CANISTERS  
OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SIX LAUNCHERS, 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 12  
PRIME MOVERS, 10 VEHICLES, AND AN OCCUPIED  
GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE.

25X1D

MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH POSITIONS,  
2 CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITIONS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED  
MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 2 OCCUPIED  
LAUNCH POSITIONS, 11 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, 10  
CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS, 11 VEHICLES,  
2 CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITIONS AND AN OCCUPIED  
GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

APPROXIMATELY 45 CRUISE-MISSILE TYPE CRATES,  
12 PROBABLE TRANSPORTERS, 8 FLATBED TRAILERS, AND  
NUMEROUS VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- 18 FAGOT/FRESCO, ONE CRATE, AND  
ONE LIAISON.

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- 31 FISHBED, 3 PROBABLE FISHBED,  
24 FAGOT/FRESCO, 4 FARMER, ONE PROBABLE FARMER,  
4 T-6, 11 B-26, ONE HOUND, ONE HARE, ONE  
LIAISON/TRAINER, AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE  
AIRCRAFT.

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 2 C-54, 4 C-46,  
2 BRITANNIA, ONE CLEAT, ONE COOT, ONE LODESTAR,  
ONE B-26, ONE BEECHCRAFT, ONE CESSNA 310, 3  
LIAISON/TRAINER, 4 CRATE, ONE C-47, AND ONE CRATE  
WITHOUT WINGS.

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- 2 C-47, ONE PBY, 6 COLT, ONE  
PROBABLE COLT, 35 LIAISON/TRAINER, AND SEVERAL  
DERELICTS.

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

25X1D NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 52 HOUND, 3 HARE, ONE CRATE, ONE C-47,  
2 HOUND WITHOUT ROTORS, 3 POSSIBLE HOUND, AND 2  
BELL HELICOPTERS.

25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

25X1D

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 11 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 2 PF, AND ONE PC.

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT  
OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 25 LARGE FREIGHTERS, INCLUDING ONE IN  
DRYDOCK, ONE LARGE PROBABLE TANKER, ONE COASTAL  
TANKER, 5 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, 5 TRAWLERS, ONE PF,  
3 PC, ONE KOMAR-CLASS PGMG ON MARINE RAILWAY, 2 PT,  
AND 2 POSSIBLE PT.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

25X1D

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AT MAIN PIER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

25X1D

ONE LARGE VESSEL VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TEN TRUCKS OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

25X1D

FOLIAGE, SHADOW, AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE  
INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED]

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

TWELVE POSSIBLE VEHICLES VISIBLE.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
FIVE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
FOUR VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

25X1D POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED]

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

25X1D CLOUDS AND HAZE PRECLUDE INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED]

MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

25X1D POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES INTERPRETATION.

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

25X1D POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES INTERPRETATION.

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

25X1D APPROXIMATELY 300 VEHICLES VISIBLE.

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

25X1D SEVENTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS AND 11 OTHER VEHICLES  
VISIBLE.

CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

25X1D CAMP CONTAINS 14 TANKS/SP GUNS, 19 VEHICLES, AND  
5 FA PIECES.

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BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
THIRTY-FOUR VEHICLES AND 21 FA PIECES OBSERVED.

25X1D

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 6 FA PIECES AND  
85 VEHICLES.  
WEST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 17 FA PIECES AND 35  
VEHICLES.

25X1D

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

THREE LOWBOY TRAILERS, NUMEROUS VEHICLES, AND  
APPROXIMATELY 35 SMALL UNIDENTIFIED PIECES OF  
EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES VISIBLE.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- APPROXIMATELY 13 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 64  
VEHICLES.  
AREA 2 -- 6 VEHICLES.  
AREA 3 -- APPROXIMATELY 25 PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS AND  
4 VEHICLES.  
AREA 4 -- 23 FA PIECES AND 2 PROBABLE VEHICLES.

25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 85 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

SITE, SECURED BY SINGLE FENCE, CONTAINS 3  
DRIVE-THROUGH BUNKERS AND ONE LARGE FLAT-ROOFED  
BUILDING JUST OUTSIDE OF FENCED AREA. NO VEHICLES  
OBSERVED.

25X1D

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

THIRTY VEHICLES IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

25X1D

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CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C 2258N 08258W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
THE 16 UNIDENTIFIED CRATES REMAIN.

-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

25X1A

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3  
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1  
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE

2242N 08308W  
2257N 08239W  
2225N 07935W

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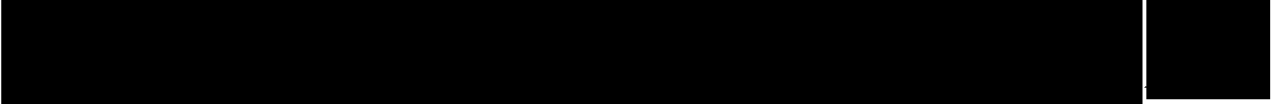
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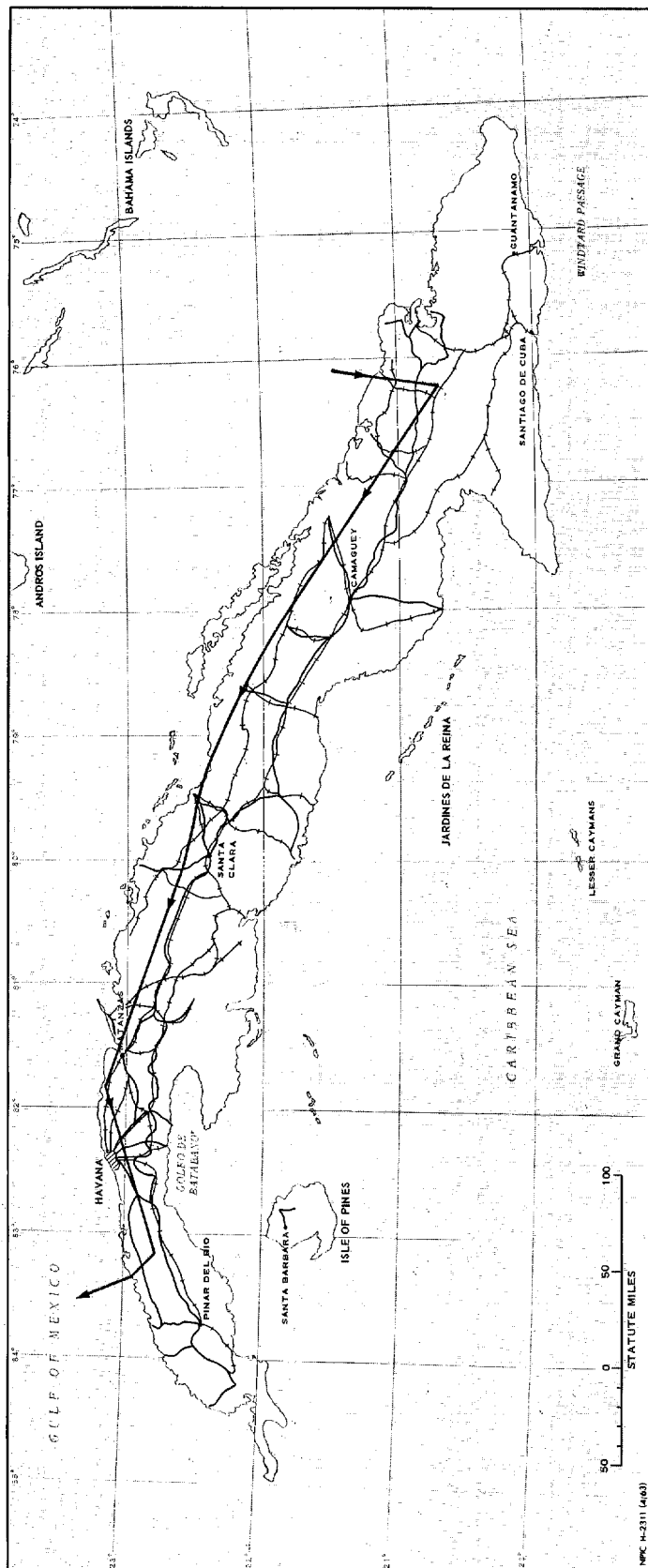
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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2300N 08226W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W



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